

Richard Higgins – Eastham Land Records 1650 - 1745

Richard Higgins was in Plymouth by 1633. He was a tailor by trade. He was one of the original Purchasers and he headed one of the seven families that settled in Nauset in 1644. He served as Eastham selectman and surveyor. He was representative to the Colony Court for several years from 1653 to 1665

Higgins moved to New Jersey where he was residing in 1672. He died in New Jersey before 1675. Apparently many of his children remained in Eastham because several Higgins received Eastham land grants before 1745.

1657

Granted to Richard Higgins for the use of John Yates twenty acres of upland at the neck of land called Ralph Smith's neck. (Richard Higgins married Mary, widow of John Yates, in 1651. Mary had a son John by her former husband.) PDF P7.

1659

Granted to Richard Higgins one-half acre of swampy ground at the head of Bass Pond providing he leave a sufficient watering place for cattle to drink. PDF A114, M203, P19, S20.

Six acres of land near the water and marsh lawfully possessed by Richard Higgins granted to Josiah Cooke in exchange for property from Josiah Cooke. PDF A112.

Granted to Richard Higgins six acres of upland on the east side of land belonging to the mill by way of exchange for six acres of land for Josiah Cooke at Herring Pond. PDF A112, M200, S19.

Granted to Richard Higgins four acres of upland running into the woods at the head of land belonging to Josiah Cooke and on the south side of land granted to the mill and beside a cartway. PDF A112, M199, S19.

Thirty acres of land on the north east side of the mill were possessed by Richard Higgins. PDF A112, M199, S19.

Granted to Richard Higgins ten acres at Young's Cove on Pochet next to land of John Mayo. PDF A112, M200, S20.

Two acres in the Great Meadow lawfully possessed by Richard Higgins granted to John Smalley. PDF A112.

One and one-half acres of meadow at the Common Cove lawfully possessed by Richard Higgins granted to John Smalley. PDF A114.

One acre of meadow in the Common Cove lawfully possessed by Richard Higgins granted to Joseph Rogers. PDF A112.

Granted to Richard Higgins one and one-half acres in the Boat Meadow in a place called the Common Cove between land of John Mayo and John Smalley. PDF A114, M202, S20.

Two acres of meadow in Church's Meadow lawfully possessed by Richard Higgins granted to the mill. The land was on the south side of a little brook and extended from the beach up to the marsh. PDF A114, M202, S20.

Three acres of meadow at Billingsgate Meadow next to land of John Mayo and Mark Snow lawfully possessed by Richard Higgins granted to the mill. PDF A114, M202, S20.

One acre of meadow at Billingsgate next to land of Thomas Williams lawfully possessed by Richard Higgins granted to Ralph Smith. PDF A114.

One acre of meadow at Billingsgate next to land of John Yates lawfully possessed by Richard Higgins granted to Steven Atwood. PDF A114.

Granted to Richard Higgins land next to Bass Pond River and next to mill land. He was to leave a common highway running down the water side of his land next to Nicholas Snow's land. PDF A114, M203.

Six acres of meadow lying at the Cove at the harbor's mouth lawfully possessed by Richard Higgins granted to William Bradford. PDF A130.

Granted to Richard Higgins four acres for a house lot and three-quarters of an acre of meadow lawfully possessed by Steven Atwood. PDF A189, M96, S8.

Granted to Richard Higgins and Giles Hopkins one and three-quarters acres of meadow at Billingsgate lawfully possessed by Steven Atwood. PDF A189, M97, S8.

Granted to Richard Higgins two acres of meadow at the north side of Great Meadow lawfully possessed by John Smalley. PDF M197, S19.

1662

Granted to Richard Higgins two acres of meadow at Little Billingsgate due because of alterations to the Rate. PDF P24.

1664

There is reference to Richard Higgins owning ten acres of land at Pochet. PDF M112.

1665

Granted to Richard Higgins two acres of swamp at the head of Bass Pond. PDF A113, M201, S31.

Granted to Richard Higgins ten acres of upland at Nauset at Lieutenant's Hill next to land of Daniel Cole. PDF A113, M201.

Granted to Richard Higgins ten acres of upland on the north side of Silver Spring Brook. PDF A113, M201, S31.

Granted to Richard Higgins an island between Coggens Creek and Normans Creek with adjacent meadow and sedge marsh at Little Billingsgate. PDF A113, M201, S31.

Twelve acres of upland and forty-four acres of meadow near Lieutenant's Island lawfully possessed by Richard Higgins granted to William Bradford. PDF A130.

Richard Higgins sold to Steven Atwood a house with four and one-half acres next to John Smalley's house lot. Higgins reserved some apple trees out of the sale for his own use. PDF A188, M95, S43.

Richard Higgins exchanged five acres on Pochet for five acres of upland on Pochet near Young's Cove belonging to William Twining. PDF A200.

Richard Higgins exchanged six acres of meadow at Common Cove in Boat Meadow for three parcels of land belonging to Jonathan Sparrow. The Sparrow parcels were six and one-quarter acres of meadow and heather meadow at Billingsgate, one and one-half acres of meadow at Indian Brook and three-quarters of an acre of meadow on both sides of Silver Spring Brook. PDF A219.

1668

Granted to Richard Higgins ten acres of upland at Pochet possessed by Jonathan Sparrow. The ten acres was next to Higgins' ten acres at Pochet near Young's Cove. PDF A115, M203, S54.

1669

Granted to Richard Higgins two acres of meadow at Potepokatucksett on the west side of Daniel Cole's land. PDF A113, M200, S37.

Richard Higgins sold two acres of meadow at Potepokatucksett to Samuel Freeman. PDF A124, M177.

Richard Higgins gave to his son Benjamin twenty acres at Pochet next to Job Cole's lot and two acres of marsh and meadow at the harbor mouth. PDF A198, M110, S100.

1670

Granted to Richard Higgins the seventh lot in a series of ten grants near the Little Creek and the Salt Pond. The lot was defined by landmarks and other lots. No lot size was given. PDF A230, M40.

1672

Mary Higgins of New Pascataway in New Jersey gave her consent to her husband Richard to the sale of any lands in Plymouth Colony.
PDF A200, S35.

Richard Higgins of New Pascataway in the province of New Jersey sold to Benjamin Higgins, weaver, meadow and sedge ground at Little Billingsgate between Norman's Creek and Coggens' Creek. PDF A200, M113, S34.

1677

Granted to Richard Higgins and his heirs the second lot in a series of ten grants of eight acres each at the southerly end of Pochet Island.
PDF A231, M40, S105.

1678

Granted to Richard Higgins and his heirs ten acres of upland next to his ten acres at Pochet near Young's Cove. PDF A114.

1684

John Freeman and Mark Snow acting for the town settled the bounds of land previously granted to Richard Higgins near the mill.
PDF A113, M201, S53.

1693

A boundary dispute between Jonathan Sparrow and John Mayo refers to twenty acres of land at Pochet formerly owned by Richard Higgins. Bound marks which were marked trees were replaced with marked stones.
PDF A169, M67.

1703

Granted to Richard Higgins, Ichabod Higgins, John Atkins and their heirs and assigns four and one-half acres in the Middle Flat of the Town Flats. PDF A129, M168, S85.

1711

Granted to Richard Higgins, his heirs and assigns four acres of upland near the Higgins barn. PDF T27.

Granted to Richard Higgins, his heirs and assigns six acres of wood lot near the First Brook and next to Jonathan Sparrow's wood lot. PDF T27.

Granted to Richard Higgins, his heirs and assigns four acres lying at the harbor neck. PDF T27.

1715

Granted to Richard Higgins, his heirs and assigns four acres near other Higgins land. PDF T194.

Granted to Richard Higgins, his heirs and assigns the 130th lot in a series of 156 wood lot grants. The lot runs west 44 pole. Other bounds are defined by the bounds of other wood lots. PDF T298.

The land owned by Richard Higgins described in these records amounts to about 160 acres not counting the 1715 wood lot grant. By 1745 thirty-three more Higgins received Eastham land grants.